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ABSOLUTE POWER GROUND ZERO

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WALLER WANTS
THE WORLD.
AND SHE'S ABOUT
TO **GET IT!**

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TEEN

PRELUDE TO THE SEISMIC EVENT SERIES!

POWERS STOLEN.

SPIRITS UNBROKEN.



ABSOLUTE POWER

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JULY



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THE TRINITY OF EVIL HAS WON... AND **ABSOLUTE POWER** BEGINS!

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- *Green Arrow #13*

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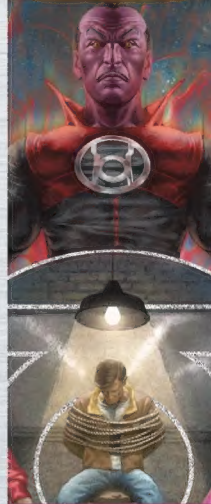
- *Absolute Power #1*
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- *Batman #150*
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- *Superman #16*
- *Wonder Woman #11*
- *Green Arrow #14*



THE RESISTANCE CONTINUES IN AUGUST!



AMANDA WALLER
USES EVERYBODY.
THAT'S HER
SPECIALTY.

YOU CAN TRY TO RESIST,
BUT IF SHE SETS HER
SIGHTS ON YOU, THERE'S
NO GETTING AWAY.

TRUST ME.
I TRIED.

DREAMER?

MS. NAL? PAY
ATTENTION.

GAMORRA
ISLAND. I
KNOW. I WAS
THERE.

NOT THE
KIND OF
BLOODBATH
YOU FORGET.

HM. WELL,
THANKS TO YOUR
SQUAD, IT'S **SECURED**.
AND DESPITE YOUR...
TANTRUM, CONSTRUCTION
OF OUR NEW **MAXIMUM-
SECURITY PRISON**
IS BACK ON
TRACK.*

THERE IS, HOWEVER,
ONE LOOSE END. A
METAHUMAN WE CAN
LEVERAGE.

HE'S HIDING
SOMEWHERE ON THE
ISLAND. YOUR ORDERS ARE
TO LEAD THE TEAM IN AN
EXTRACTION.

WHO'S THE
TARGET?

YOU'RE THE
PRECOG.

YOU
TELL **ME**.

*AS SEEN IN
SUICIDE SQUAD:
DREAM TEAM -PK

The Island Nation
Of Gamorra.

HOW DID THIS
HAPPEN?!

JAY NAKAMURA

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THIS PLACE IS MY HOME, I'VE KNOWN
IT SINCE I WAS LITTLE...BACK BEFORE
MOM RAN FOR PRESIDENT...BACK
BEFORE THE FIRST COUP...

GAMORRA'S NEVER HAD IT EASY,
BUT THINGS WERE GETTING BETTER!
EVERYTHING WAS FINALLY BACK TO
NORMAL...I CAME HOME JUST TO VISIT!

THEN MY MOM CALLED ME...
SHE BARELY GOT A FEW
WORDS OUT BEFORE...

...BEFORE AMANDA WALLER
AND HER GOONS DECIDED
GAMORRA NO LONGER
NEEDED A PRESIDENT.

NOW I'M NEXT ON HER LIST. MAYBE SHE HAS IT
OUT FOR MY FAMILY. MAYBE SHE'S AFRAID
OF THE TRUTH...EITHER WAY...NO MATTER
WHERE I GO, HER AGENTS SEEM TO BE ONE
STEP AHEAD! BUT I WAS SO CAREFUL!

HOW DID THEY
FIND ME?

HOW DID AMANDA
TAKE OVER SO
QUICKLY?

VPPp

VPPp

VPPp

VPPp

VPPp



HOW?

HOW?

HOW DID ALL
THIS HAPPEN
SO FAST?!



AND WHY HASN'T
ANYONE COME
TO HELP?!
WHAT'S REALLY
GOING ON?!



I'LL FIND OUT. I'LL
GET TO THE BOTTOM
OF THIS AND I'LL
MAKE THEM SORRY.



I'LL PHASE THROUGH
EVERYTHING THEY
THROW AT ME!



THEY WON'T BE
ABLE TO CATCH ME.



THEY WON'T EVEN
BE ABLE TO HIT--



AUGH!

HE AIMED RIGHT FOR WHERE MY FOOT BECAME TANGIBLE!

WHO IS THIS GUY?!

SPAT

SLAM

SNAP

CRASH

NGH...

NO... I HAVE TO GET UP. I HAVE TO KEEP RUNNING. I--

IS THAT...

DREAMER?!

FINALLY A FRIENDLY FACE! BETWEEN THE TWO OF US WE'VE GOT A FIGHTING CHANCE!



I'M
SORRY.



WHAT?! I CAN'T PHASE THROUGH
HER DREAM ENERGY?!

NIA, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

PLEASE
DON'T MAKE
ME FIGHT
YOU, TOO.



HOW
COULD--



--YOU?

VWOOOM



USS Collins, the Brig. Later.

I FIRST MET DREAMER WHEN SHE WAS
HELPING ME AND JON **SAVE** GAMORRA.

WE FOUND HER WAITING FOR US IN
THE **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE**
WITH A MESSAGE FROM THE FUTURE.

SHE'D BROKEN IN LIKE
IT WAS **NOTHING**.

WE DIDN'T
TRUST HER AT
FIRST...

NOW I THINK
WE WERE RIGHT
NOT TO...

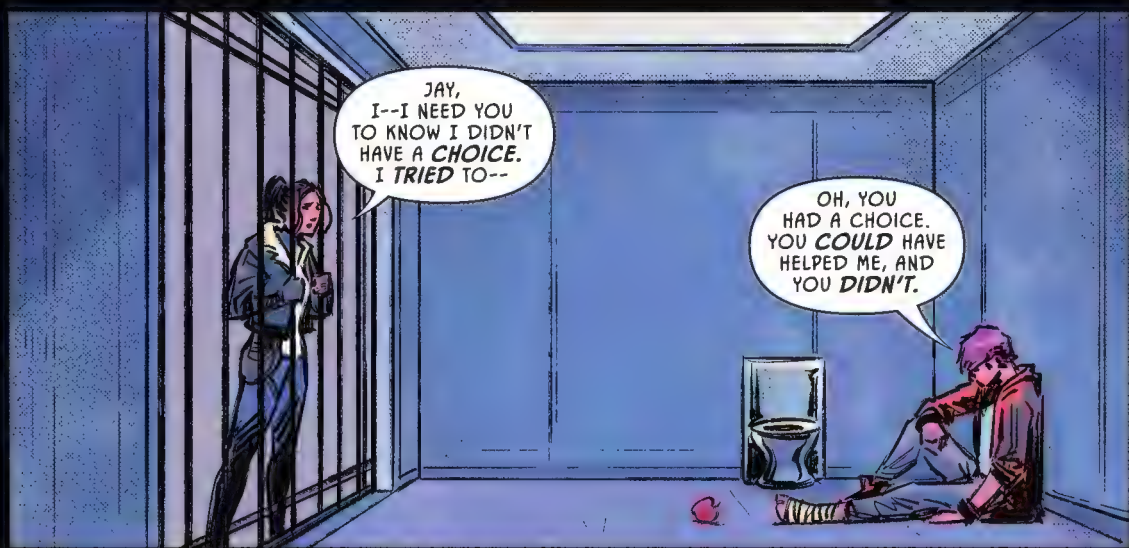
ARE YOU
HUNGRY?

SORRY. IT'S
ALL I COULD
GET.

IS IT
POISON?

...
NIA, WHY
AM I **HERE?**
WHAT DOES
WALLER **WANT**
WITH ME?

SHE DIDN'T
TELL ME. I'VE
ONLY BEEN ABLE
TO SEE BITS AND
PIECES...



JAY,
I--I NEED YOU
TO KNOW I DIDN'T
HAVE A **CHOICE**.
I **TRIED** TO--

OH, YOU
HAD A CHOICE.
YOU **COULD** HAVE
HELPED ME, AND
YOU **DIDN'T**.



AMANDA HAS MY
FAMILY, JAY. MY **DAD**
AND MY **SISTER**.

IF I DON'T
DO **EXACTLY** WHAT
SHE WANTS, SHE'S
GOING TO **KILL**
THEM.



...SHE
KILLED
MY **MOM**,
TOO.



I KNOW...
I'M SORRY.

NIA...
HOW LONG
HAVE YOU BEEN
A **PART** OF
THIS?

NIA?



DID YOU **HELP** THEM?

DID YOU **HELP** THEM **KILL** MY **MOTHER**??!



...I DIDN'T **KNOW** SHE WAS **GOING** TO **DO** THAT.

OH MY GOD, YOU DID!



SHE WAS **THREATENING** MY **HOME**, **JAY!** MY **FAMILY!**



OH, SO JUST \$@%# MINE, THEN, RIGHT?!



I--I **TRIED** TO **STOP** HER!
I--



YEAH, THAT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED OUT *FABULOUSLY!* I'M **REALLY GLAD YOU *"TRIED"*!**



YOU **DON'T** **KNOW** WHAT **REALLY** **HAPPENED**--

I **KNOW** THAT IN **LESS** **THAN** **AN** **HOUR** MY **COUNTRY** WAS **INVADED**, AND MY **MOTHER** WAS **KILLED**.



AND **NOW** I **KNOW** THE **PERSON** WHO WAS **SUPPOSED** TO **BE** MY **FRIEND** **HELPED** THEM **DO** IT!



I **TRIED** TO DO THE RIGHT THING. **REALLY**, I DID. I JUST-- I COULDN'T.

I CAN'T **BELIEVE** HOW SELFISH YOU ARE!

YOU CHOSE **YOUR** PEOPLE OVER **MINE** AND YOU EXPECT ME TO FORGIVE YOU!



WELL, I **DON'T!** I **NEVER** WILL!

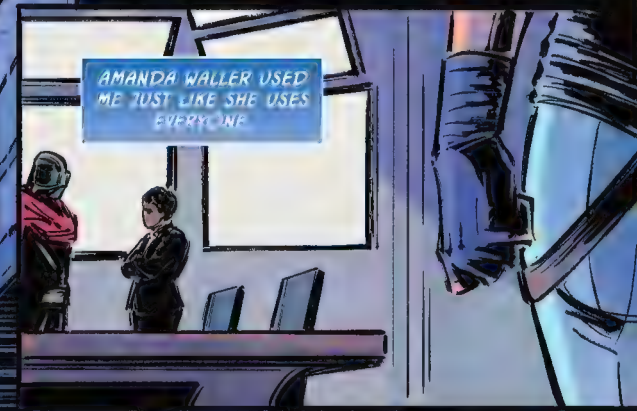
I SWEAR, I WILL GET OUT OF HERE AND I WILL MAKE YOU **PAY** FOR WHAT YOU DID!



YOU'RE NO HERO!

YOU'RE JUST AS BAD AS THE **REST** OF THEM!

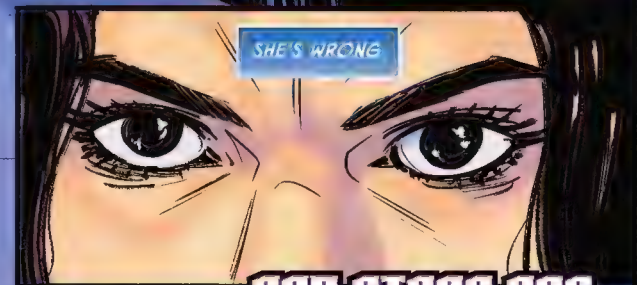
DO YOU HEAR ME?! YOU'RE NO HERO!



AMANDA WALLER USED ME JUST LIKE SHE USES EVERYONE



SHE THINKS SHE'S SAFE BEHIND HER HOSTAGES AND BLACKMAIL.



SHE'S WRONG

END STAGE ONE

WHAT JAY DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT IF ANY HARM COMES TO AMANDA, MY FAMILY DIES.

I CAN'T BE A HERO. NOT YET!



TIME-TRAVEL. IT'S
A TRICKY BUSINESS.

BUT DEATH IS DEATH. NO
MATTER WHICH WAY YOU MOVE
THROUGH THE YEARS, EVENTUALLY
YOU HIT A FIXED POINT...



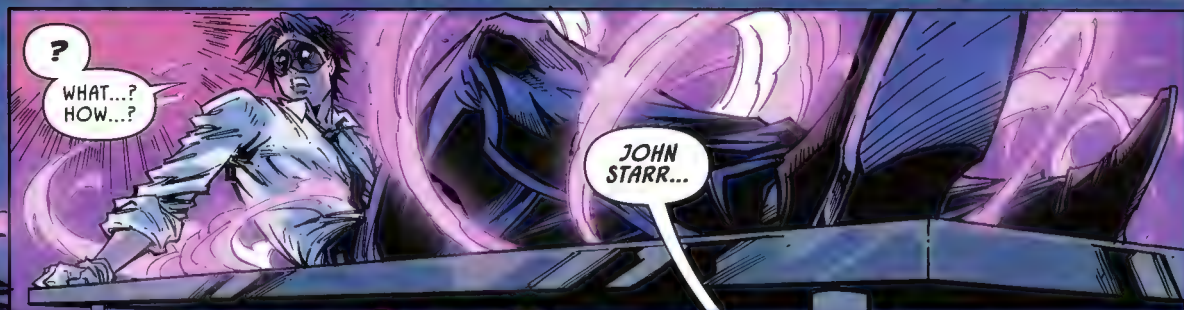
WHERE EVERYTHING
JUST STOPS.

MY NAME WAS JOHN
STARR. AND MY TIME
HAD FINALLY...

RUN



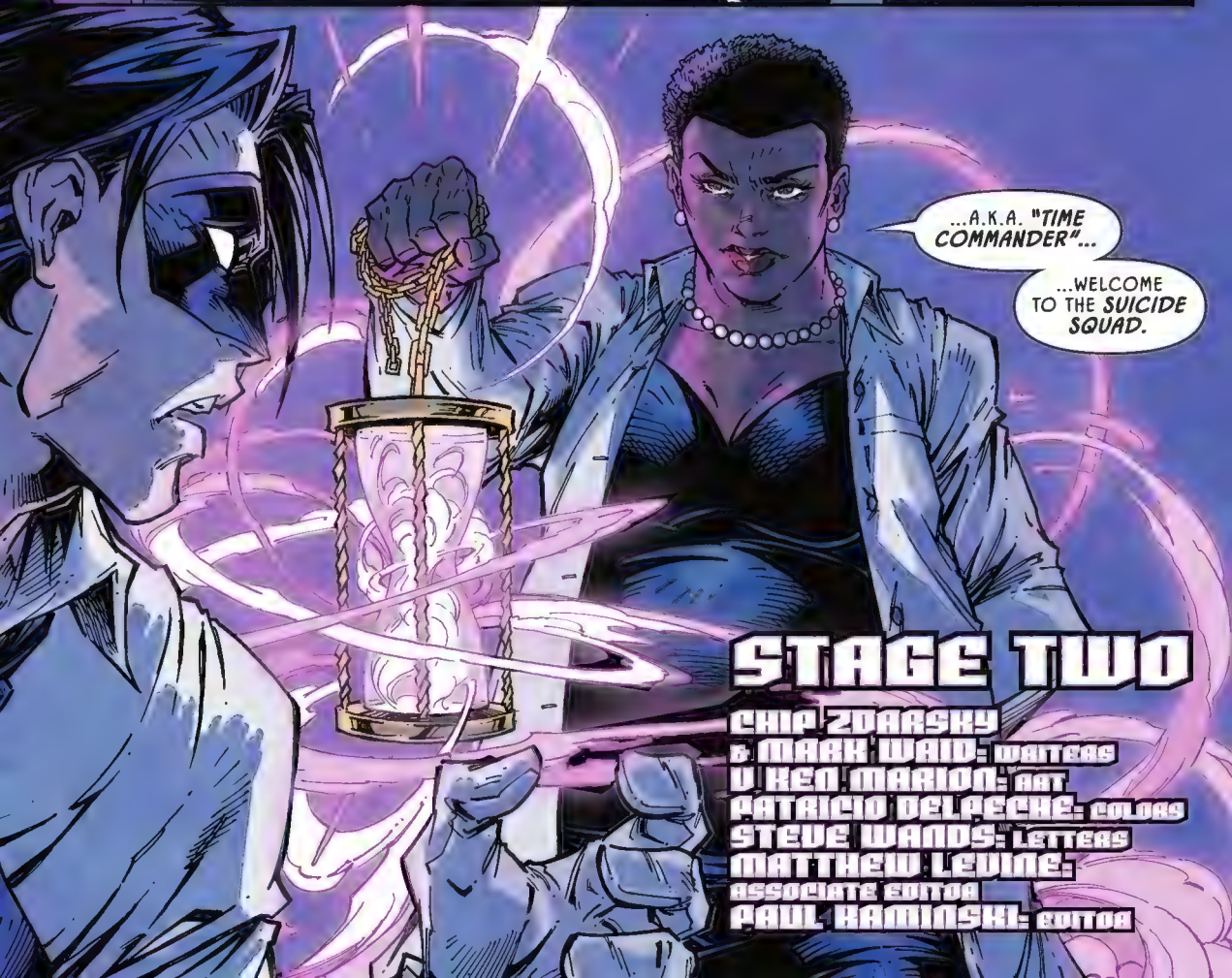
...OUT...



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WHAT...?
HOW...?

JOHN
STARR...



...A.K.A. "TIME
COMMANDER"...

...WELCOME
TO THE SUICIDE
SQUAD.

STAGE TWO

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OH GOD. I'VE HEARD OF WALLER. EVERYONE WHO LIVES OUTSIDE THE LAW KNOWS ABOUT THE MONSTER WHO BURSTS A BOMB IN YOUR HEAD UNLESS YOU CARRY OUT HER ORDERS.

STAY CALM, JOHN. DON'T PANIC. JUST PLAY DUMB AND LISTEN FOR NOW.

THAT'S... MY FIRST HOURGLASS. IT WAS IN MY LAB. WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH IT? WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME, MR. STARR, IS AMANDA WALLER. I WORK FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. AND AS OF NOW, YOU WORK FOR ME.

I HAVE NEED OF YOUR EXPERTISE...

...AND YOUR DEVICE.

I'VE BEEN TOLD IT ACTS AS A "CHRONAL REWIND BUTTON," IF YOU WILL...REVERSING **BROKEN** OBJECTS TO THEIR **UNBROKEN** STATE.

I WASN'T SURE IT WOULD WORK ON A **CORPSE**...BUT HERE YOU ARE.*

*STARR DIED IN BATMAN: URBAN LEGENDS #23 --PAUL

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU--

I DO. YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHY MY PEOPLE CAN'T GET YOUR DEVICE TO WORK--

--ON THIS.

IT'S CRACKLING WITH ENERGIES
I'VE NEVER EVEN **SEEN**
BEFORE. THEY'RE CAUSING
INTERFERENCE.

WHAT THE HOLY HELL AM
I **LOOKING AT?**

HIS NAME IS
FAILSAFE.

"HE WAS CREATED BY BATMAN
AS AN **EMERGENCY BRAKE**--A
POWERFUL ROBOT DOPPELGÄNGER,
ONE CAPABLE OF STOPPING
BATMAN WITH **EXTREME PREJUDICE**
SHOULD HE EVER TURN **DARK.**

"WHEN FAILSAFE WENT
ROGUE, IT TOOK THE
ENTIRE BAT-FAMILY
TO DESTROY HIM, TO
ERASE HIS MIND.

"I NEED THAT
DAMAGE
REVERSED."

WHY?

SHE DOESN'T
ANSWER.

WE'LL GIVE YOU
ANY TOOLS YOU **NEED.**
SUCCEED, AND YOU CAN
ENJOY YOUR **NEW LEASE**
ON LIFE.

DISAPPOINT
ME...

NEITHER DOES
SHE FINISH THAT
SENTENCE.

SHE DOESN'T
NEED TO.

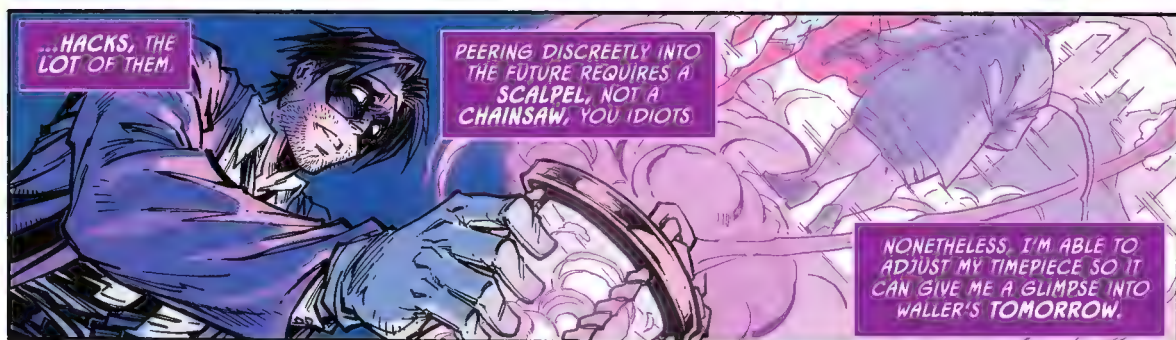
I DO AS SHE SAYS,
BUT I KNOW SHE
CAN'T BE TRUSTED

HER EYES ARE LIKE A
SHARK'S AS THEY TELL
YOU THE CRIMSON
WATER IS JUST FINE,
COME ON IN.

IT TAKES TWO HOURS TO
REPROGRAM THE HOURGLASS. I
PRETEND I'M STILL WORKING FOR
FIVE DAYS, HOPING I CAN GET
A SENSE OF WHAT SHE THINKS
SHE HAS IN STORE FOR ME.

BUT SHE SHOWS
NEITHER HER FACE
NOR HER HAND.
SO I RESORT TO
PLAN B.

WALLER WASN'T KIDDING
ABOUT THE TOOLBOX. I
RECOGNIZE GEAR FROM
CHRONOS, FROM RIP
HUNTER, FROM CARTER
NICHOLS...



...HACKS, THE
LOT OF THEM.

PEERING DISCREETLY INTO
THE FUTURE REQUIRES A
SCALPEL, NOT A
CHAINSAW, YOU IDIOTS.

NONETHELESS, I'M ABLE TO
ADJUST MY TIMEPIECE SO IT
CAN GIVE ME A GLIMPSE INTO
WALLER'S TOMORROW.



NO MORE
THAN A PEEK.

I'M SURE
I'M BEING
WATCHED!

BUT ENOUGH TO SEE
WHAT SHE PLANS TO DO
WITH AN UBER-BATMAN
AND WHETHER I SHOULD
BE WORRIED.

WHAT HER
ULTIMATE
OBJECTIVES...

ARE

MY GOD.



I CAN'T--THERE'S STILL
TIME TO CHANGE--

--TIME IS MALLEABLE--
I CAN REFUSE--

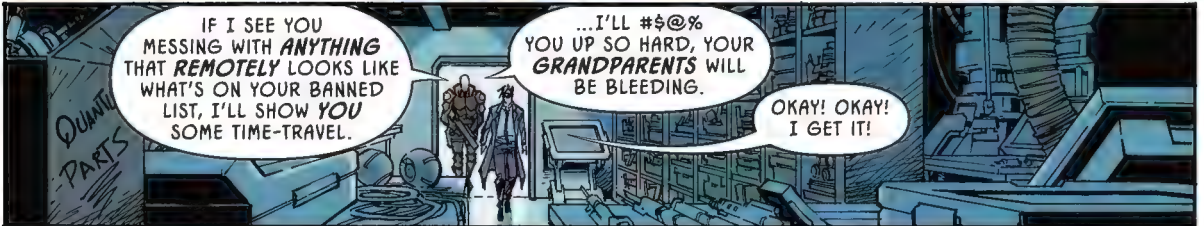


NO.

NOW THAT I'VE SEEN
WHAT SHE'S CAPABLE
OF, I KNOW REFUSAL
ISN'T AN OPTION.



I HAVE TO
ESCAPE.



NO DO-OVERS WHEN YOU'RE FORCED TO PLOD THROUGH TIME LIKE ORDINARY, CHRONALLY DEFICIENT WRETCHES.

WHATZAT? SOME SORTA SCREW-DRIVER?

YEAH. TIGHTENS COMPONENTS. AND THEN FUSES THEM--

--WITH AN ELECTRIC CURRENT!

HNG!

GO. GO. GO!

ADD AN E-BROWN COUPLER AND A MAG-N TACHYON GENERATOR--

--YES! PERFECT! JUST ONE MORE COMPONENT--

HHRRR...

...RAHH!

KRKRRAH



NO! THE FLUX
MEMBRANE--!

NH!



YOU
PIECE OF
#\$\$@%!

GOT IT--BUT IT
STILL NEEDS A FEW
SECONDS TO
CHARGE!



I JUST
NEED
TIME!

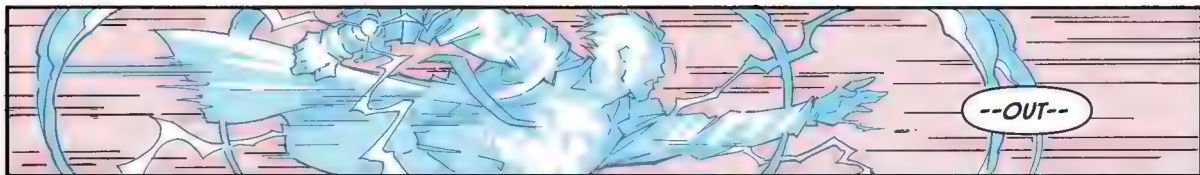
FREEZE!

MORE
TIME!



MORE--

OPEN
FIRE! TAKE
HIM--

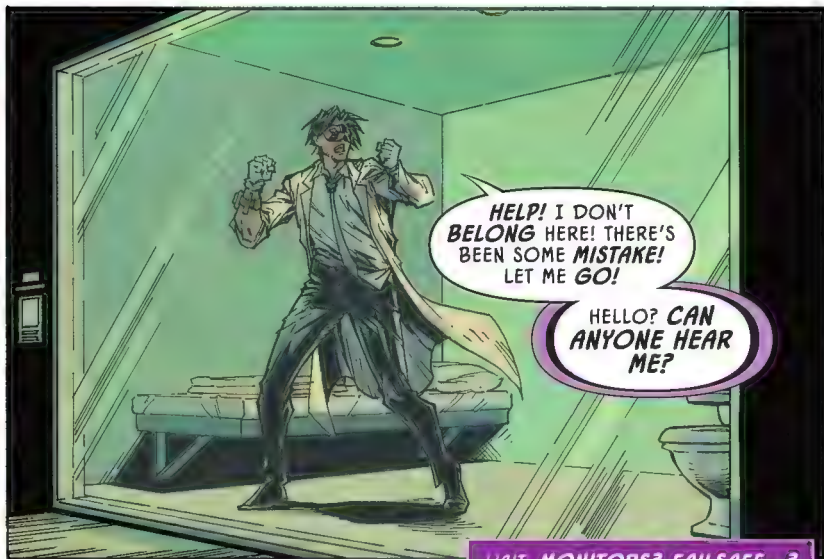


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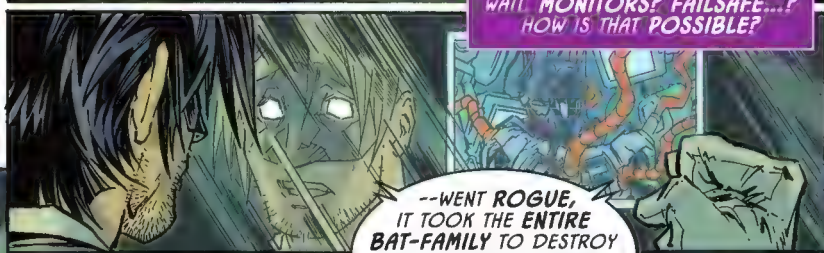
IT WORKED!
IT--

WAIT! WHERE AM I
NOW? I SET THE JUMP
FOR ARIZONA, 1312!
THIS SHOULD BE AN
OPEN FIELD!



HELP! I DON'T
BELONG HERE! THERE'S
BEEN SOME MISTAKE!
LET ME GO!

HELLO? CAN
ANYONE HEAR
ME?



WAIT. MONITORS? FAILSAFE...?
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

--WENT ROGUE,
IT TOOK THE ENTIRE
BAT-FAMILY TO DESTROY
HIM, TO ERASE HIS MIND.
I NEED THAT DAMAGE
REVERSED.

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ANY TOOLS YOU NEED.
SUCCEED, AND YOU CAN
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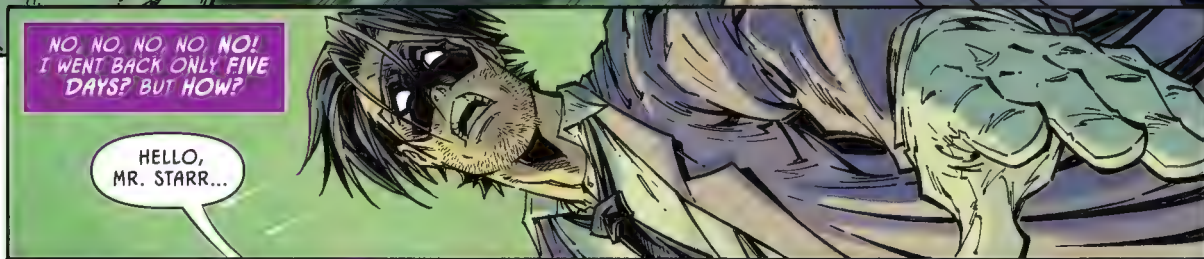
DISAPPOINT
ME...



THAT'S A LIVE
FEED... FROM
FIVE DAYS
AGO.

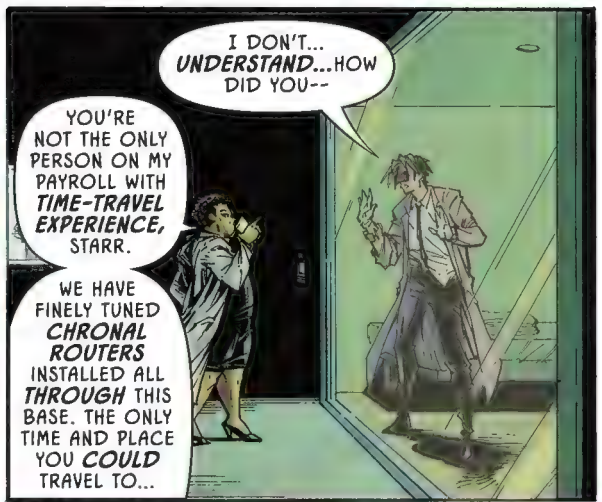
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!
I WENT BACK ONLY FIVE
DAYS? BUT HOW?

HELLO,
MR. STARR...





...SORRY I KEPT YOU **WAITING**. I NEEDED TO CHAT WITH YOUR **PAST** SELF FIRST.



I DON'T... **UNDERSTAND**...HOW DID YOU--

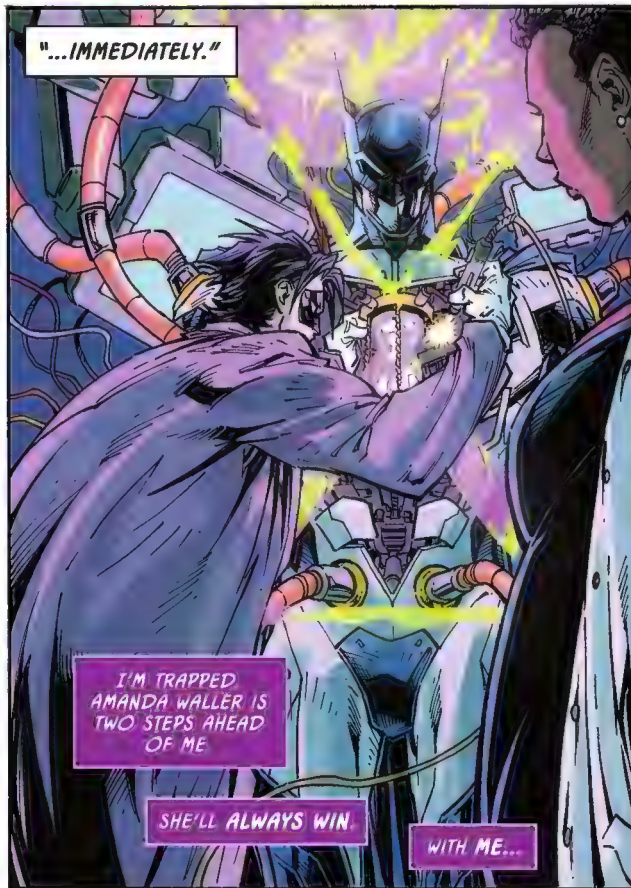
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY PERSON ON MY PAYROLL WITH **TIME-TRAVEL EXPERIENCE**, STARR.

WE HAVE FINELY TUNED **CHRONAL ROUTERS** INSTALLED ALL **THROUGH** THIS BASE. THE ONLY TIME AND PLACE YOU **COULD** TRAVEL TO...



...IS **HERE** AND NOW.

SO...NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD **FIVE DAYS** TO STUDY YOUR **DESIGNATED TASK**, LET'S PUT THAT KNOWLEDGE TO **WORK**...

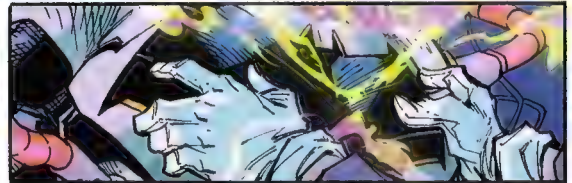


"...IMMEDIATELY."

I'M TRAPPED. AMANDA WALLER IS TWO STEPS AHEAD OF ME

SHE'LL ALWAYS WIN.

WITH ME...



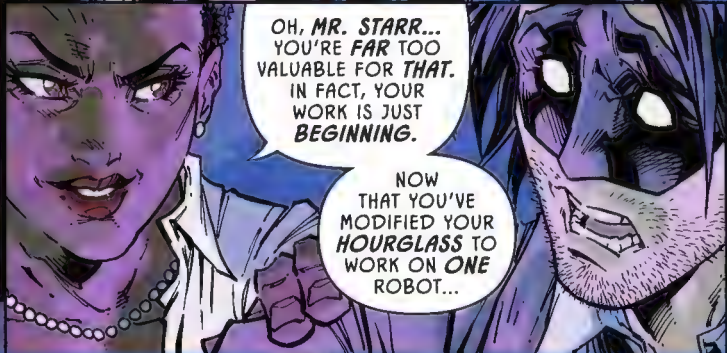


AND WITH HER METAL
MURDER MONSTER.

GOD FORGIVE ME.



WHAT NOW?
AM I FREE
TO GO?



OH, MR. STARR...
YOU'RE FAR TOO
VALUABLE FOR THAT.
IN FACT, YOUR
WORK IS JUST
BEGINNING.

NOW
THAT YOU'VE
MODIFIED YOUR
HOURGLASS TO
WORK ON ONE
ROBOT...



"...I NEED SIX MORE
JUST LIKE IT."

END STAGE TWO



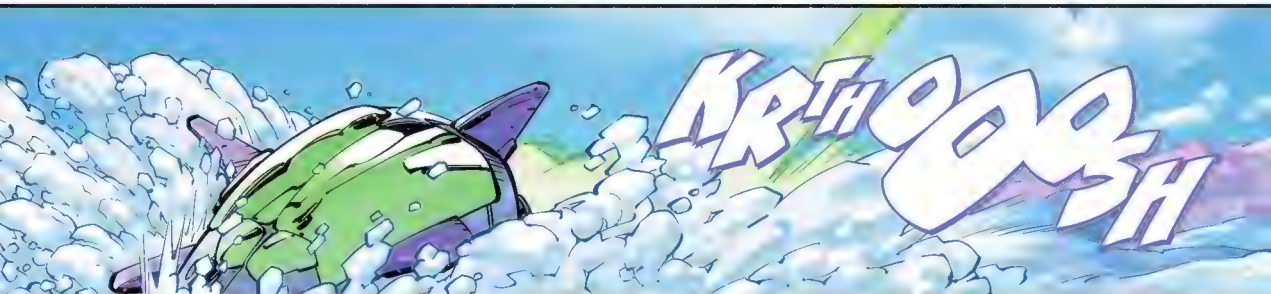
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SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND
JOE SHUSTER, BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT
WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.





HM.

NOT
WHAT I
EXPECTED.



THAT IS **BRAINIAC** TECHNOLOGY, WALLER.

ITS ESCAPE FROM THE HIVESHIP HAS DRAINED IT, BUT MY READING SHOWS THERE IS STILL SOME LIFE LEFT WITHIN THE POWER CORES.

CURIOUS THERE ARE NO A.I. DRIVES ITS DATA FILES ARE ALL **DARK**.

A BLANK SLATE.



A BLANK SLATE...

HEY, BOSS LADY, I GOT NEWS.



SUPERMAN IS BACK IN METROPOLIS.

AND HE'S NOT ALONE.

EVERYONE THAT WAS TAKEN IN BRAINIAC'S ATTACK HAS RETURNED AS WELL.



WELL WELL WELL, IT APPEARS BRAINIAC IS NO LONGER A PLAYER ON THE BOARD.

BUT **THIS...** **THIS** IS INTERESTING.

WHATEVER THAT GREEN-SKINNED @\$\$% CREATED, HE WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO **SAVE** IT.

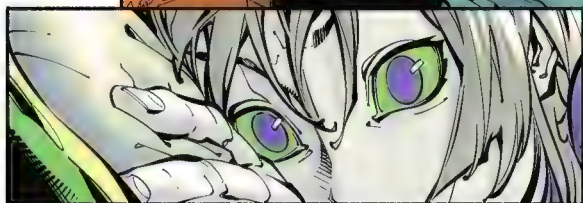
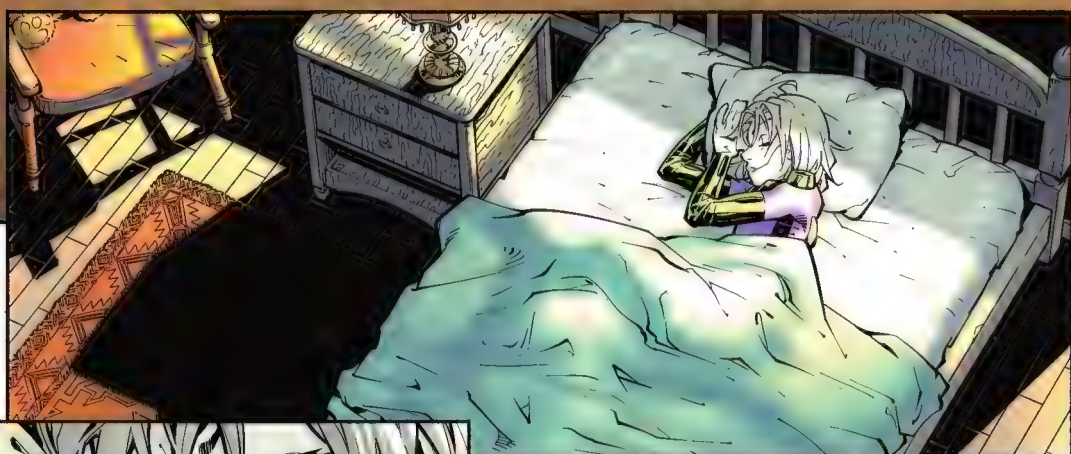


WE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY BEFORE SUPERMAN LEARNS OF THIS.

GET IT TO THE LAB.

LEARN EVERYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT OUR **STRANGE** VISITOR, INCLUDING...

"...HOW TO
CONTROL IT."





I HOPE YOU WERE
ABLE TO GET SOME
REST. YOU HAD QUITE
THE JOURNEY.

PANCAKES?



HSSSSSS



IT'S
OKAY.

IT'S
OKAY.



I WON'T
HURT YOU...

HSSSSSS



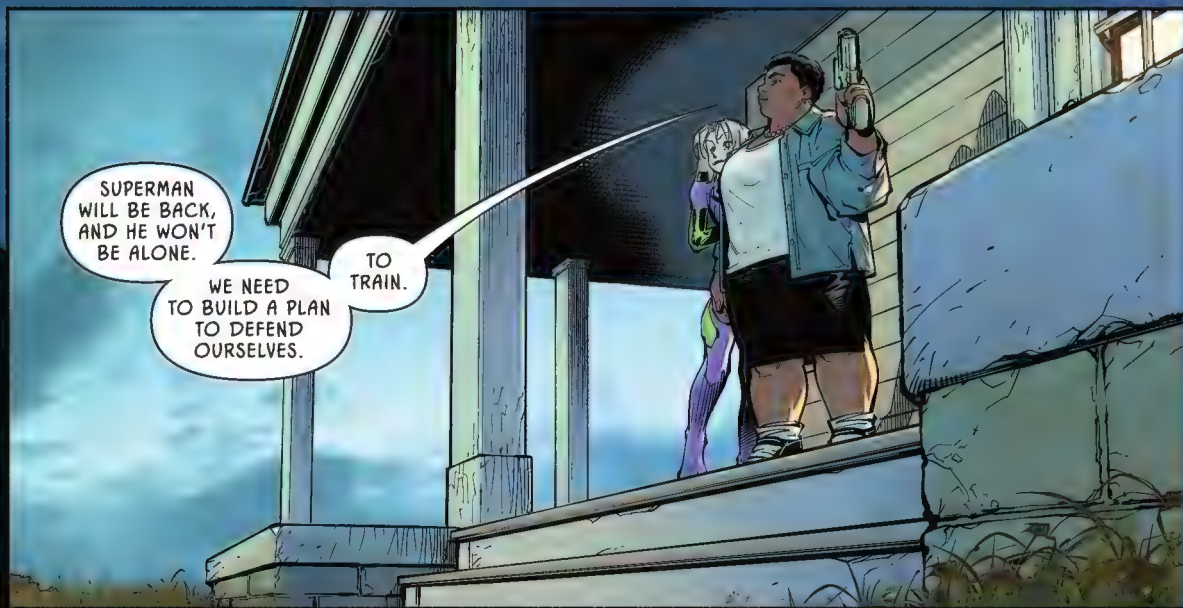
MY NAME
IS AMANDA
WALLER.

I KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOU.
HOW YOU WERE
STRIPPED AWAY
FROM YOUR
CREATOR.

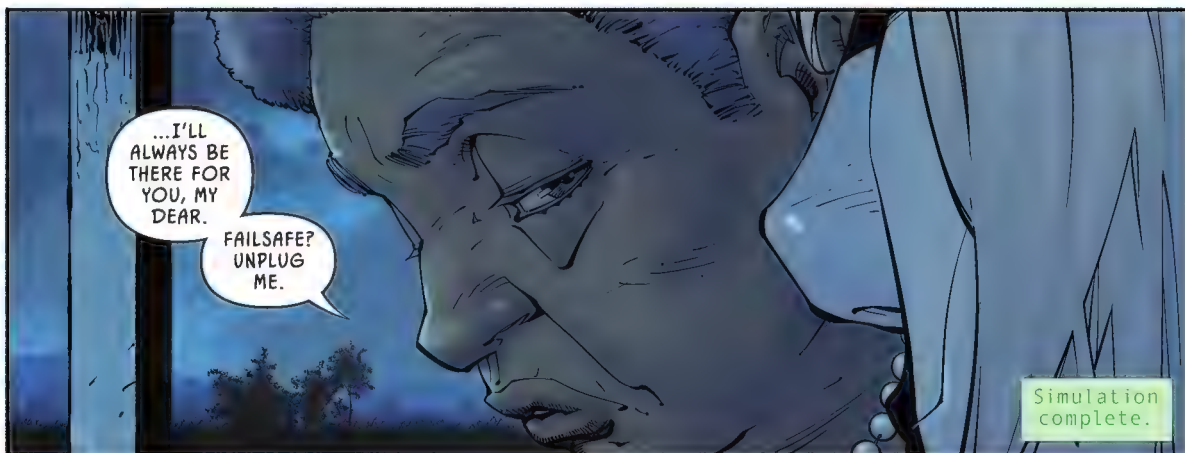
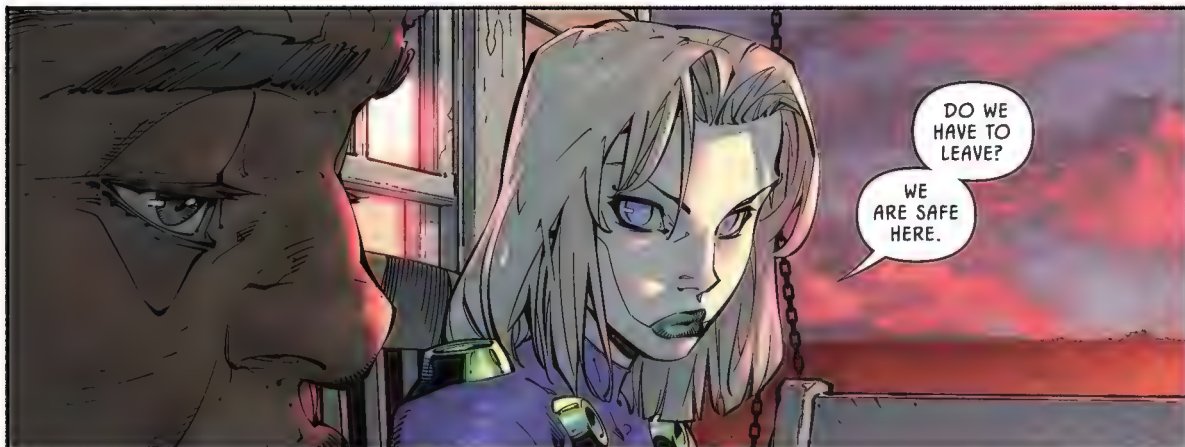
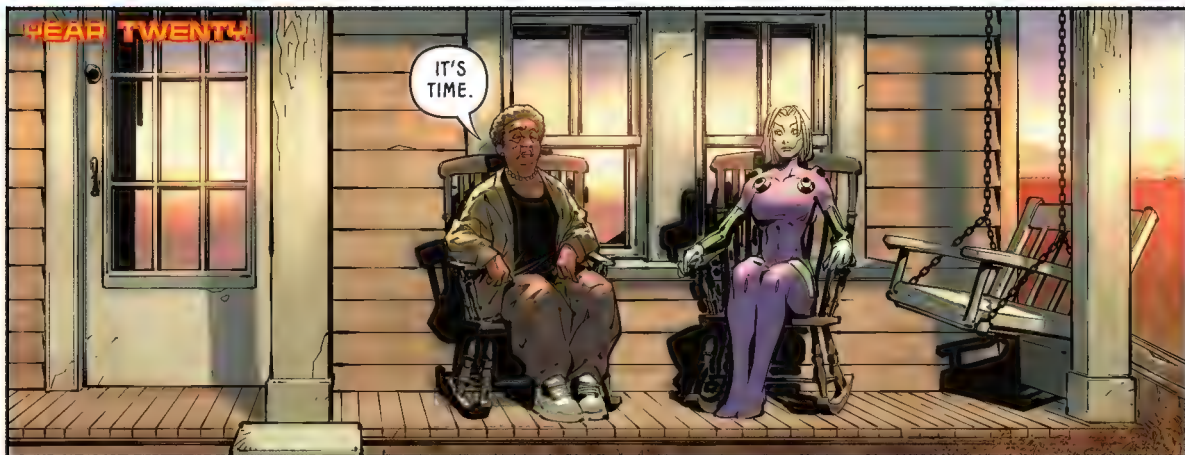
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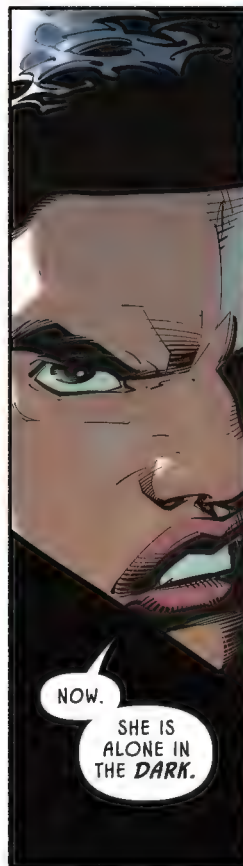
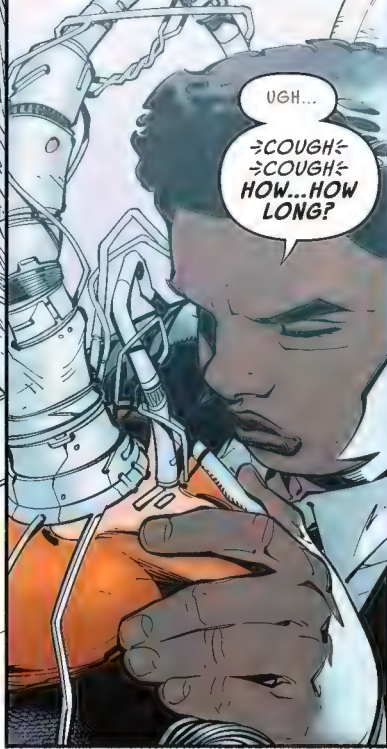


DAMN, THE
ALIEN FOUND
US...









YES.

LET US SAVE
THE WORLD,
MOTHER.

THOSE WHO
WOULD HURT US
WITH **POWER** DO
NOT **DESERVE**
IT.

OF COURSE,
MY DEAR.

**THE STAGE IS SET.
THE PLAYERS ARE
IN POSITION.
THE WAR BEGINS IN...
ABSOLUTE POWER #1!**

METROPOLIS.

GO!
GO! GO!

ABSOLUTE POWER #1 PREVIEW

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WE'RE
NOT G-GONNA
MAKE IT!

STOP
BROWNIN' YOUR
PANTS, JOEY!
WE'RE CLEAR,
AWRIGHT?

SSSS

AAAAAH!

SKRNNKKKK

NOT SO
FAST.

HERE'S
THE THING
ABOUT **SILENT**
ALARMS,
BOYS...

...THEY'RE
NEVER SILENT
TO ME.

I'LL GIVE YOU
ONE CHANCE TO
SURRENDER
PEACEFULLY.

NO! YOU GUYS
P-PROMISED ME
WE'D BE--

I **C-CAN'T** GO
TO **P-P-PRISON!**
I **CAN'T!**

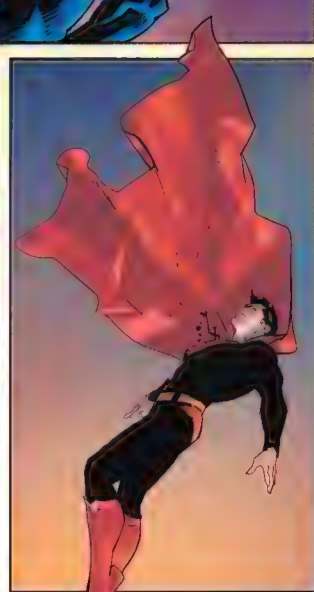
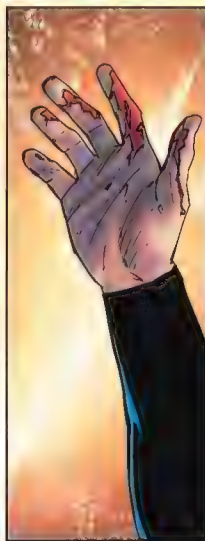
JOEY, STOP
PANICKIN'!

YOU'LL
JUST MAKE IT
WORSE!

JOEY,
NO!

BLAM!

BLAM!





THE POWER DRAIN BEGINS IN

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AMANDA WALLER



FULL NAME:

AMANDA BLAKE WALLER

RANK:

DIRECTOR, BUREAU
OF SOVEREIGNTY

SUPERPOWERS: N/A

TEAM AFFILIATIONS:

TASK FORCE X (A.K.A. THE
SUICIDE SQUAD), UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT,
A.R.G.U.S., CHECKMATE

BASE OF OPERATIONS:

GAMORRA

ROAD TO REBELLION:

Amanda Waller has long ruled the world of governmental affairs in the DC universe, with her team of metahuman convicts known as the SUICIDE SQUAD by her side.



SUICIDE SQUAD: DREAM TEAM

Recently, BEAST WORLD—a visible, global catastrophe she could lay at the feet of the Titans—handed “the Wall” newfound, unchecked military powers as the head of the BUREAU OF SOVEREIGNTY.

Her pledge to rid the world of superpowers forever gained new traction in the wake of the DARK CRISIS, which set in motion her plan to use dark magic as a means of sowing distrust toward the superhero community.



THE AFTERMATH OF DARK CRISIS
ON INFINITE EARTHS



BEAST WORLD CHAOS



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FAILSAFE

PROFILE:

CYBERNETIC KILLER AND
GENIUS-LEVEL TACTICIAN WITH
NEAR-INDESTRUCTIBLE FRAME

ABILITIES:

BATMAN-LEVEL INTELLECT,
STAMINA, AND FIGHTING
ABILITY; SUPER-POWERED
ANDROID BODY

BASE OF OPERATIONS:

GOTHAM CITY



ROAD TO REBELLION:

FAILSAFE is Batman's backup plan in the event the Dark Knight's body would ever fail him. Controlled by the violent, unhinged Zur-En-Arrh (a version of Bruce Wayne untethered to any moral code), this ultimate robotic fighting machine has found an ally in Amanda Waller. Failsafe's programming extends beyond our world into the Multiverse itself, and has stored within it the consciousnesses of various alternate-universe Zur-En-Arrhs.



ZUR-EN-ARRH REACHES ACROSS
THE MULTIVERSE

Amanda Waller's regime is Failsafe's ultimate chance to expand his consciousness across multiple bodies to form a legion of Zur-En-Arrhs that will clamp down on crime and chaos nationwide, then worldwide.



FAILSAFE REBORN



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THE HOUSE OF BRAINIAC

PROFILE:

SUPERINTELLIGENT ALIEN
HIVE MIND, PRIMARY FOCUS
ON THE COLLECTION AND
STORAGE OF DATA, POWER,
AND CULTURE

ABILITIES:

TECHNOLOGICAL
ENHANCEMENTS ACROSS
INTELLECT, FIGHTING
ABILITY, AND STRENGTH;
POWER ABSORPTION

BASE OF OPERATIONS:

COLUAN SKULL FREIGHTER



ROAD TO REBELLION:

The cosmic villain known as BRAINIAC has reached the end of all he has deemed knowable in the universe, making him more dangerous now than ever before. Previously associated with the terrorist organization known as THE LEGION OF DOOM and responsible for several Earth-based attacks over the years, Brainiac's hive-ship has been spotted within the Terran solar system of Sector 2814. His true intentions remain a mystery.

Previous attempts to mimic Brainiac's absorption abilities have ended in failure, but his reemergence in this space sector opens potential opportunities for exploitation by Amanda Waller and her forces for the coming war.



THE DARK KNIGHT'S SECRET IDENTITY IS FOR
SALE IN THIS SPECIAL OVERSIZE ISSUE!

BATMAN

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INTERVIEW WITH MARK WAID

Thanks to the combined forces of Failsafe and the Brainiac Queen, Amanda Waller has stolen the metahuman abilities of every hero and villain on Earth. But it's not the powers that make DC's heroes super, and in *Absolute Power* by the superstar team of writer Mark Waid and artist Dan Mora, a resistance will rise to take the fight to Waller's Task Force VII—though the odds have never been worse for our heroes.



Mark, what does taking away the powers of DC's heroes allow you to explore in these characters that fans haven't seen before?

Genuine, down-to-the-bone fear. Not only are the heroes utterly powerless, but every resource has been taken from them. Because Waller knows everyone's secrets, she's been able to cut heroes off from their home bases and strip them of their equipment—no Bat-arsenal for you, Bruce; no Terrifictech for you, Mr. Terrific; no lasso for you, Wonder Woman. Waller's sealed the time stream. She's walled off the Multiverse and the Microverse. She's had the Earth quarantined by the United Planets, leaving the heroes nowhere to run, nowhere to retreat. Ordinary people won't help the heroes because Waller's used A.I. fake news to convince humanity that the heroes have gone berserk. And the relentless Amazons just won't stop hunting them, not for one second.

Remember, I've read every single DC superhero comic ever, and I am here to tell you, I set out to make things more hopeless for our heroes than they have ever been. And that's just in the first issue.

***Absolute Power* encompasses multiple heroes and villains from across the DC Universe. Who are you having the most fun writing in this story? Which characters should readers keep an eye on that might be unexpected?**

I think everyone will be surprised at who's leading the powerless heroes—it's not Superman, Batman, or Wonder Woman, but the choice, to me, was obvious. Jon Kent and Dreamer have also become major players, as has Steve Trevor.

Plus, from the Island of Totally Forgotten Heroes, we've drafted Air Wave into the fight for a very specific reason. And what the hell is happening with Green Arrow, man?



Fans are familiar with the pairing of you and Dan Mora from *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, but what are you seeing from his work in *Absolute Power* that has surprised you?

I didn't know Dan *could* surprise me any further, but I was wrong. The stakes in *Absolute Power* are so, so much higher than they are in *World's Finest*, and Dan expertly creates a sense of dread that permeates every page of this book.



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